

Resolution 4

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The Problem

As shoreline property throughout Wisconsin becomes developed, the natural habitat used by fish and other aquatic animals is removed or decays without replenishment. In order to improve fish habitat in Wisconsin waterways, one of following methods are acceptable; fish crib, spawning reef, wing deflector, tree drop, or half log structure. In deep water fish cribs and half log structures are acceptable structures, but they require special techniques, tools, and material to assemble. Often times the resources needed to assemble and place these structures are not available or are difficult to obtain. Once placed, the fish cribs in particular are effective structure, but tend to congregate fish in a given area.

Whereas the restriction to only these methods of improving fish habitat in deep water limit the ability to provide quality structure in limited resource areas.

Proposed Solution

Whereas this resolution is intended to be added to the already exiting methods for improving fish habitat.

Whereas tree tops, when cut and anchored properly to the bottom of a lake, provide improved habitat and structure for fish and other aquatic wildlife. The tree top types, shapes, positioning and anchoring methods should conform to existing Department standards. Tree tops are abundant and easy to trim and shape to desired configurations. Once configured, tree tops are easier to transport to the desired location, and require only the use of a typical row boat or Jon boat to move into position. Tree tops also require less man-made material than fish cribs. The only man-made material required is galvanized chain and concrete blocks to anchor a tree top to the lake bottom.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Green County on **April 10, 2006**, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes to allow the use of tree tops as an acceptable alternative to fish cribs in improving fish habitat in Wisconsin waters.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballots where appropriate)

YES 30 NO 2